

Dear Abby Letter Sample

DEAR ABBY: I am 16 but will be 17 in a few months. I have known my boyfriend, "John," for two years. He is my first boyfriend.

After four months of dating, John has asked me to marry him, and I said yes. He had been hinting about an engagement, and I didn't have the heart to say otherwise. John is very dear to me, but I keep hearing people say, "Keep your options open." I told John that I am young (he's 18), and I want to take it slowly, but he says if I break up with him to date other guys, he will never date me again.

Abby, I want to make sure John is the person I want to spend the rest of my life with. Sometimes I wish I hadn't started dating him because I feel too young to be engaged or married. I love John dearly. I

don't want to break his heart or mine. I am also scared I might mess up this relationship. What should I do to make myself believe that I have found my true love? -- STUCK IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR STUCK: You should have been absolutely honest with John from the beginning. When you have found your own true love, you won't have to "make yourself" believe it. You will KNOW it.

John is pressuring you because he is afraid if you start dating others he won't measure up. For both your sakes, tell him that you are not ready to make the kind of commitment he is demanding. He may not like hearing it, but it is the truth. You won't break his heart, and once you have done it, you will feel a sense of relief.

Dear Abby Letter Assignment

Directions: Read Holden's letter below and respond to him in a letter as Dear Abby would. Give him specific advice and address **each of his concerns** as he mentions them.

DEAR ABBY: I can't seem to do anything right these days. I just got expelled from school- the 3rd since I started high school. I decided to just leave school right away instead of waiting for vacation to officially start, and I'm currently hiding out for a few days in New York. I don't really have any friends that I can talk to, and the only person that I can stand to be around is my little sister.

Along with school issues, I also seem to be very confused where girls are concerned. A girl I had a crush on for years just went out with my roommate, and I'm worried that something sexual may have happened between them. Not only that, but I can't seem to get it together with any girls. I called up this one girl that my brother used to know, but I messed up and ruined the chance to get together with her. Then, I was in this club with these three girls, and they treated me awful-they ignored everything I said and then let me pick up the check for all three of them! Then I got together with a girl I used to date to go to a matinee, and even though I don't really like her, I ended up asking her to run away with me. Girls really drive me crazy.

Also, I've been thinking about my dead brother a lot and wondering who would show up to my funeral if I died. I find myself sitting in Central Park and wondering where the ducks go. What is wrong with me? What can I do to start solving some of my problems? – LOST IN NY